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Professors: Debate to produce petty changes

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
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President Bush performed well in Monday night's presidential debate at East Lansing, Mich., but not well enough to make a difference in the election, three University of Nebraska-Lincoln political science professors said.

John Comer said all three candidates performed well enough to keep the president from gaining substantial ground on Bill Clinton's lead in the polls.

"Bush was good, but neither of the other two candidates stumbled badly, which is what the president needed," he said. "I don't see this as a home run or as something that will change the pattern in the polls."

Bush's strategy of going more aggressively after Clinton than he did in the two previous debates helped the president, Comer said, but not significantly.

"Each of the candidates made their points, and then their opponents countered them," he said. "It's not anything we haven't heard before, so I don't think it will have an impact now."

Bush may make a dent in Clinton's lead, but not a significant one, Comer said. He said he was not surprised that the debates had so little impact on the polls.

"Debates generally are a wash," he said. "And there were forces in this particular election working against Bush and for his opponents that the debates would not have been enough to overcome those forces."

Robert Sittig said Bush improved his performance from the first two debates to win the third.

Court suspends gunman

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska Supreme Court has suspended Arthur McElroy from practicing law until disciplinary actions against him are decided.

The Nebraska State Bar Association applied for his suspension because it was believed that his actions could cause serious damage to the reputation of the legal profession.

McElroy, a graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Law, was admitted to the

Former professor's trial set

From Staff Reports

A preliminary trial date of Nov. 30 has been set for Clifford Walton, a former associate professor of chemical engineering at UNL.

Walton, who had been acting as the adviser of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln boxing club, is charged with third-degree sexual assault for an incident involving a UNL student.



NU Foundation assets skyrocket

Market value hits \$271.6 million, 10.9 percent rise

By Matthew Grant
Staff Reporter

The market value of University of Nebraska Foundation assets hit a record \$271.6 million on June 30, foundation trustees recently reported.

This is a 10.9 percent rise in the value of assets since the last fiscal year — an increase of \$26.8 million on last year's total of \$244.8 million.

The market value of foundation assets has doubled since June 30, 1985.

The foundation is a non-profit organization that supplements funding for the NU system. Its income comes from a variety of sources, including investment and gifts from alumni, corporations and other supporters.

Gifts and investment income totaled \$41.5 million for 1991-2, up \$2.2 million from the last fiscal year. Investment income totaled \$19,548,408, and total gift income was \$21,919,199.

Theresa Klein, NU Foundation director of public relations and publications, said fund raising was "not a science" and the motivation for donations was difficult to define. The increase in gifts, however, shows that NU alumni are loyal to the university, she said.

The gifts were "their way of both

giving back and investing," Klein said.

Donations can take one of two forms: either direct donations of a specific amount, or the creation of an endowment fund in which the donated money is invested and only the interest is used by NU.

Almost \$15 million was transferred to the foundation during this fiscal year. Of that, \$5.2 million was used for scholarships, graduate assistantships and other student assistance. Another \$1 million was provided for faculty assistance, including professorships and fellowships.

The Nebraska State Museum, library systems and fine arts institutions received benefits totaling \$896,598, and more than \$890,000 was made available for building improvements.

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But Sittig agreed that Bush's performance probably would not be enough for him to overcome Clinton's lead in the polls.

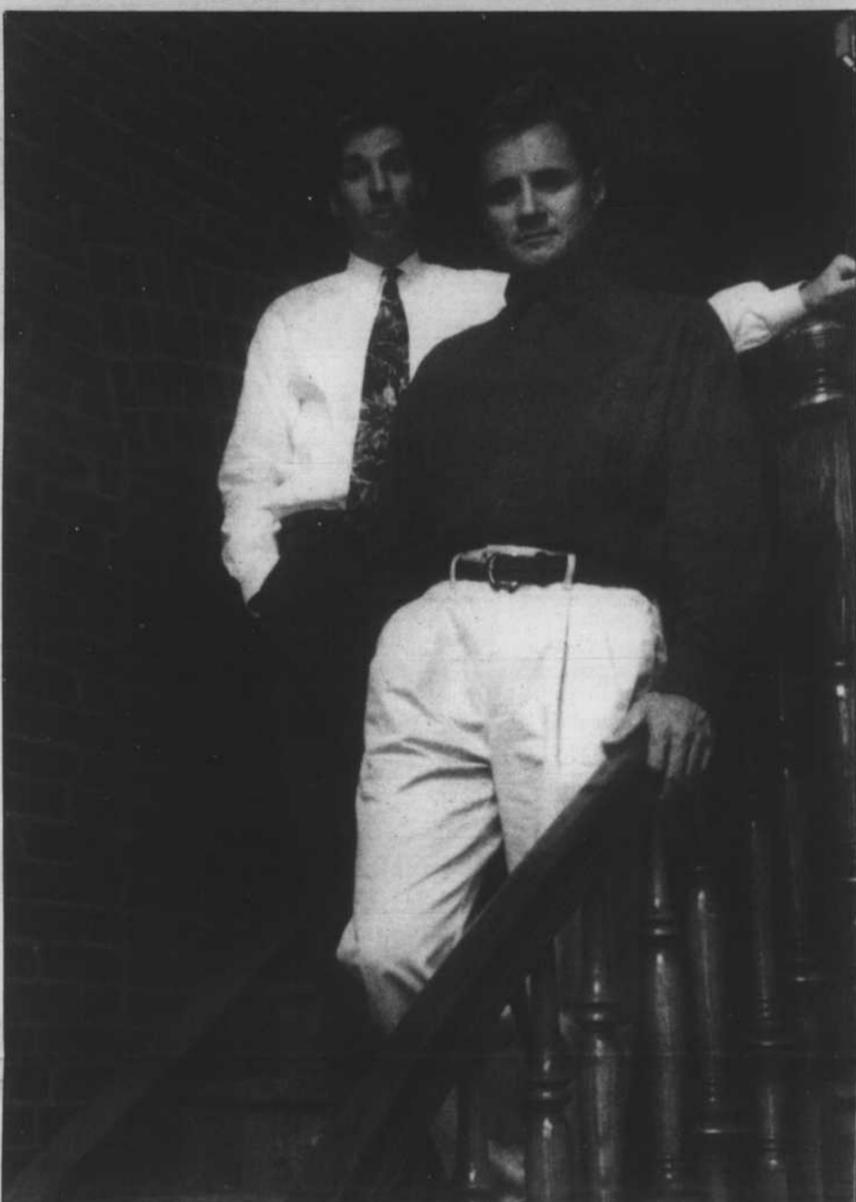
"It didn't go as well for Clinton as he wanted, I'm sure," he said. "Will it make a difference? I doubt it, but it might."

Robert Miewald said he thought there were no new developments in Monday night's debate.

"I don't think much changed from the previous two debates," he said. "I don't think Clinton hurt himself or Bush helped himself that much."

He agreed that the debate wouldn't change the outcome of the race.

"I can't see that this will change the composition of the election," he said. "Clinton is 12 to 15 points ahead now, and I can't imagine that lead will change without some dramatic sort of event now."



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Dave Hunnicutt, left, director of the Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Council of Nebraska, and Dave Bower, college programs director for the council, work to teach students how to drink responsibly.

Smart drinking

Program focuses on risk reduction

By Kara Morrison
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Dave Hunnicutt and Dave Bower aren't working on a "Just Say No" campaign.

Their alcohol risk-reduction and risk-management program for college students doesn't preach abstinence. Within a relaxed and personal atmosphere, the program educates students about drinking responsibly. It also informs them of the consequences of various choices.

"Drinking is a personal choice — like choosing the foods we eat or choosing whether or not to exercise," Hunnicutt, education director for the Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Council of Nebraska, said. "We

can't find any evidence that teaching abstinence is the best way to approach a program like this.

"People have always told you that you are going to heaven if you abstain from alcohol and that you are a wretched, vile sinner if you drink," Hunnicutt told a group of freshmen during a program this month.

He assured the group this was not the point that he and Bower, college programs director for the council, were trying to make.

The two men said they were in no position to take a "holier-than-thou" stance on alcohol. Their experiences are part of what keeps them interested in working with students who, like themselves during their col-

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